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for the year ending

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ANNUAL SESSION
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Trenton, N.J. Oct. 20, 1846

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment at Trenton, N.J. and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Geo. W. Janvier the last Moderator from 2 Corinthians 10:4&5.

After public worship the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Magie		St. Freedom
Williamson	Jona. Winans	1st. Ch. E. Town
Dastow		2nd. Ch. E. Town
Halry	Henry Hedges	Chester
Chester		
Blauvelt		Woodbridge
Hunting		Plainfield
Ogden		2nd. Ch. Woodbridge
Harris	John S. Hagerman	Lamington
B. Cory	Ira C. Whitehead	1st. Morristown
	David S. Bower	Chatham Village
	Andrew S. Clark	Westfield
Street		2nd. Morristown
Ely		New Providence
English		Baskingridge
Imbrie	Jona. Alward	Perth Amboy
Hornblower		Connect. Farms
	Elias Crane	Liberty Corner
	Wm. Annin	Rahway
		Paterson
		Springfield
		New Vernon

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Miller	Henry Van Dyke	Ainston
Dr. Alexander	Randolph S. Hunt	Newton 1st.
	Isaac Baker	Princeton
Dr. Comfort		Middletown Pt.
Dr. Jeneway	Thomas Duncan	1st. Cranbury
Dr. Cogswell	John W. Shank	Roundbrook
Mr. Brown	Robt. Vander Pult	Allentown
Cooley	Aaron H. Sanders	S. Newton
Dr. Rice		1st. New Brunswick
Dr. Webster	W. C. McLean	Vill. Jh. Freehold
Henry	Elias Dye	2nd Cranbury
	John English	Freehold
Rodgers	Wm. S. Cook	Lawrence
Perkins	Aaron Hart	Pennington
Dr. Hodre		Dutch Neck
Mr. Teruelle		
Dr. McCen		Norrlingham
Dr. McLean		Shrewsbury
Mr. Blythe	Saul Brearly	Trenton City
Mr. Van Doren	Gilbert L. Reed	2nd Ch. Upper Freehold
Mr. Hamill		
Mr. Mahon		Manchester
Mr. Hale	Joseph Titus	Titusville
Prof. Alexander		Col. Ch. Princeton
Mr. Ely		Plattsburgh
Mr. Taylor		
Mr. Hall		
Mr. Morrell		
Mr. Van Arsdale		

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Shafer		Newton
Mr. Lester	Geo. Creveling	Mansfield
Mr. Gray	Amos Green	Easton
Mr. Van Derveer		Smithfield
Mr. Clark		
Mr. Iunkin		Belvidere
Mr. Irwin	Geo. A. Creveling	Greenwich
Mr. Correl		Musconetong Vally
Mr. Canil		Allen Township
Mr. Tuily		Danville
Mr. McGee	David Reed	Stillwater 1st.
Mr. McMillan		Stillwater 2nd.
Mr. Townley	Jacob Aline	Harmony
Mr. Scribner	Jacob Battershouse	Lower St. Bethel

Presbytery of Newton, (con.)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
		Hardwick
		Marksborough
	Saul Blair	Oxford
		Upper Mt. Bethel
		German Valley
		Fox Hill
	Ephraim Marsh	Hackettstown
		Anawton
		Blairstown
		Stroudsburgh
		Scott's Mountsin
		Durham

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Todd		Warren
		Friendsville
		Welsh
		Onwell
		Rome
		Athens
		Wells and
		Columbia
		Windham
		Crawfordville
		Elkland
	Solomon Morse	Troy
		Canton
		Towanda
		Wysox
		Wyalusing
		Braintown
		Tunkhanock

Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Kirkpatrick		Amwell United 1st.
Dr. Studdiford		Amwell 2nd.
Mr. Olmstead	Ashkl Welsh	Lambertsville
Mr. William		Solebury
Mr. Sherwood		Pleasant Grove
Mr. Porter		Lower German Valley
Mr. Canel	Danl. Marsh	Flemington
	A. J. Dunham	Clinton
	Geo. Carpenter	Filford
	Elijah Rittenhouse	Kingwood
		Amwell 6th.
	Peter Young	Amwell 1st.

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Janvier	John Scott	Colombus
Mr. Kollock		Pittsgrove
Mr. Lawrence	Thomas Wickman	Burlington
Mr. Jones		Blackwoodtown
Mr. Helm		Greenwich
Mr. Ker		Cold Spring
Mr. Ford	Saml. Burtis, Jr.	Mt. Holly
	Joseph Reeves	Bridgeton
	Robt. G. Johnson	Salem
		Cedarville
		Millville
		Deerfield
	Benj. A. Hardy	Williamstown
		Woodbury
		Wey's Landing

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Hunt		Wilkesbarre
Mr. Snowden		Kingston
Mr. Dorrance		Hanover
Mr. Webster		North Noroland Falls
Mr. Harned		Lackewanna
Mr. Moore		Beaver Meadow
		Coningham
		Berwick
		Summit Hill
		Port Carbon
		Mauch Chunk

The Statistical Reports from the several Presbyteries composing this Synod were presented and accepted and are as follows:

(on file)

The following persons then took their seats as members of Synod, Elias Marsh, Elder from E. Port of Presbytery of E. Town, Rev. Morse Rowell, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. John A. Riley from Presbytery of Newton, Rev. Wm. Chester and Rev. S. Miller, Jr. of the Presbytery of West Jersey. Dr. Scudder, Dr. Halsey, Synod of Pittsburgh and Rev. John B. Adger of the Synod of S. Carolina

Rev. Mr. Owen was unanimously chosen Moderator and the Rev. Chas. Imbrie and the Rev. R. K. Rodgers were chosen clerks.

Synod had a recess until seven o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod met, when the Rev. S. A. Alexander preached a Sermon of Foreign Missions text according to arrangements made at the last meeting of the Synod.

Rev. Oliver B. St. John, Presbytery of E. Town, Rev. James H. Mason Knox, Newton, Rev. W. G. Parke, Luzerne, Rev. Mr. Curren, West Jersey, Rev. Mr. Thomason, New Brunswick, Wm. Janeway 1st. Church New Brunswick of Presbytery of N.B. appeared in Synod and gave their reasons for not coming sooner. Rev. Wilson Funnell, Synod of Philadelphia, invited to sit as correspondent.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read and members of Synod then absent were present gave their excuses which were sustained. Reasons were assigned for the absence of Dr. Van Kinsellaer from the last meeting of Synod.

Mr. James Williamson, D. V. Maclean, J. P. Hunt, Todd, Townley, Olmstead (Ministers). Elders- Whitenead, A. J. Maclean, Marsh, Dunham, Johnson, Moore were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures to meet in this house tomorrow morning at eight o'clock and afterward on their own adjournment.

A letter was read from Dr. Carnahan giving reasons for non attendance. (Statements were made by Dr. Scudder in relation to Book).

Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning Nine O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

Present as before Rev. G. S. Manwaring, Synod of New York invited as correspondent.

(Committees on File)

Judicial Committee Dr. Janeway, Jenkins, Williams
Dorrance (in) and
Andrew H. Clark, John Scott and
Geo. Carpenter, (ld) .

To examine Presbyterial Records

Elizabethtown Messrs. Van Horn and Clark (Min)
Mr. Danl. Marsh (Elder).

New Brunswick Messrs. I. P. Hunt and Kollock
(Min) and Mr. Joseph Reeves (Elder).

Newton Messrs. Harris and Dr. Chester (Min)
Ashbel Welsh (Elder).

Susquehanna Perkins and Sherwood (Min)
Saml. Burbis, (Elder).

Raritan J. I. Ely and Chas. P. Morrel (Min)
and Geo. Creveling (Elder).

Luzerne Lawrence and Castner (Min)
Dr. S. Brown (Elder).

West Jersey Alfred Chester and Chas. Webster
(Min) and Enoch Green (Elder).

On Minutes of Last Assembly
Drs. Miller and Kirkpatrick (Min)
Isaac Baker (Elder).

On Tres. A/C Messrs. Brearly and Enoch Green
(Elders).

Committee for Draft Narrative
Mr. Blaauvelt and Dr. Studdiford
(Min) and David Rees (Elder).

Committee on Leave of Absence
Messrs. Symmes C. Henry Barton
and Chas. Webster (Min)
Elijah Rittenhouse and Jonathan
Miriam (Elders).

Dr. Davidson of Presbytery of N.S. and Mr. Williamson
from West Jersey appointed in Synod

Presbyterial reports on State of religion handed in.

A collection for incidental expenses was taken up
amounting to \$32.50.

The Committee in Religious Exercises this evening
made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

1. Singing and Scripture by Moderator
2. Prayer Mr. Castner
3. Address Dr. Davidson
4. Singing Moderator
5. Narrative Mr. Blaauvelt
6. Address Dr. Ludin Halsey
7. Prayer Dr. Gray
8. Doxology and Benediction Moderator

The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to ascertain whether any and if any what alteration can be made in the plan of conducting the annual meetings of the Synod, made the following report which was adopted.

(A)

It was resolved, that the next stated meeting of Synod be held in Easton Pa. on the 3rd Tuesday of Oct. 1847 at 3 p.m. Dr. Gray, Dr. Jenkins (Min) and Enoch Green (Elder) was appointed a committee on Religious exercises of Synod.

A letter from the Presbytery of Philadelphia respecting the prevailing sin of Sabbath breaking and Profanity was read by the Stated Clerk.

Dr. Davison and Magie (Min) and W. Annin (Elder) was appointed a committee to report on the same.

Mr. S. B. Jones was appointed to preach the annual Foreign Mission Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod and Mr. Imbrie was appointed his alternate.

Ordered that the statistical report of Synod be signed by Stated Clerk and forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Inquiry being made whether the Presbyteries had attended to the collection for benevolent objects in the churches under their care- the following Presbyteries, viz., Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, New Brunswick, Luzerne, and West Jersey reported that they had taken order on the subject- on motion it was resolved, that the reports of the Stated Clerks on this subject be always committed to writing and recorded in the minutes of Synod and that the delinquent congregations be recorded.

A paper containing resolutions prepared by Somerset Bible Society with respect to the supplying by the State of New Jersey with the Bible- was read by the Stated Clerk who also in behalf of the executive committee of said Society requested some synodical action on the subject- whereupon Dr. Shafer and Mr. Jones, (Min) and Ephraim Marsh (Elder) was appointed a committee to consider and report upon the subject.

Committee on contributions of the Churches stated that they have not been able to devise any plan which they believe will meet the view of the churches. The Committee was continued and the Moderator and Mr. Van Doren were added to the Committee.

Committee on Bills and Overtures 1: viz., a paper from Presbytery of Newton on the question what course the church should pursue of the church which indulge in intoxicating drinks and also respecting such Societies recommending etc.

The Minutes of the Committee on Bills and Overtures also made a report on the 2nd question presented in the absence- which was as follows- on question the recommendation to the committee on the 1st. question was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the 2nd question was laid on the table.

Rev. Stephan R. Wynkoop of the Synod of Philadelphia being present was invited to sit.

Committee on Record of Presbytery of New Brunswick reportedrecomm- the approval from pg. 136. Report adopted.
ending

Committee to whom was referred the commission of the Somerset Bible Society made the following report which was accepted- the whole subject was then laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the minutes of the last General Assembly made the following report which was accepted.

(D)

During the discussion of the report of the committee Synod took a recess until three o'clock.

At the close of the recess Synod met and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave of absence to Mr. Miller, Alexander, Mr. Brom, Mr. Dorrance, Mr. Porter, Mr. Aitkenhouse and Mr. Williams.

Committee on Records of Raritan reported- kept in order- approved- report adopted.

Synod proceeded with the discussion of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Assembly.

The Recommendation of the committee on the subject of Education was adopted.

The subject of the alteration of the boundary line between the Synods of New Jersey and Philadelphia was taken up- after discussion it was Resolved, that this Synod do wish comment to the proposed alteration in the line between the Synods of Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Presbytery of Philadelphia made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

(E)

Committee on Bills and Overtures reported No. 2. viz., "paper of Presbytery of West Jersey recommending that Synod present to the General Assembly an overture for the establishment of a board of Parochial Schools"- recommending the passage of the following resolution (see report). The report was accepted and Mr. Rush from Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Presbytery and gave reasons. Dr. Wm. McDowell of Synod of Philadelphia being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved, that Dr. McDowell be heard in the subject of Domestic Missions at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Committee on Narrative of State of Religion within bounds of Synod reported- the report was accepted- adopted and is as follows-

The recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures respecting overture No. 2 was taken up- Pending its discussion Synod took a recess until seven o'clock.

After recess Synod met and attended the prayer meeting according to the previous announcement.

The Committee on Treasures Account reported them correct and balance in front of Synod of fifty nine cents. Report accepted.

Committee on Record of Luzerne reported and the book was approved. Report was adopted.

Committee on Records of Elizabethtown reported, recommending approval to pg. 321. Report adopted.

The discussion on the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures No. 2 was resumed.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning- Nine O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present as before.

The Minutes of the last session were read.

Committee on Records of Presbytery of Susquehanna reported recommending their approval- Report accepted and adopted.

Committee on Records of Presbytery of Newton, reported and the book was approved-

Committee on Leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence from remaining session of Synod to the following persons-
(on file)

The discussion of the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on overture No. 2 was resumed. Pending the discussion- 10 o'clock having arrived- the order of the day was taken up- and Dr. McDowell was heard on the subject of Domestic Missions.

After discussion the whole subject was on motion referred to the Committee on Contributions of the churches- with instruction to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Whereas it appears that the treasury of the General Assembly's board of Domestic Missions has been repeatedly and greatly overdrawn in behalf of this Synod,

and whereas it is highly desirable that such a condition of affairs should not be in order, therefore Resolved, that such congregations within our bounds as can, by a little more effort, support the gospel without having recourse to the Board of Missions, be earnestly and affectionably urged to make the attempt.

The discussion respecting the report of Committee of Bills and Overtures on overture No. 2 was resumed whereupon it was on motion Resolved, that in accordance with the memorial from the Presbytery of West Jersey above mentioned this Synod overture the next General Assembly, to commit to the Board of Education the whole subject of the establishment of Parochial Schools within our bounds to organize a separate board, if the Assembly judge it more expedient. and that the S. L. forward a copy etc.

The Synod having been informed that the Presbytery of Luzerne had undertaken to establish at Yonning a Presbyterian Institute in which the instruction of the young in the religion of the Bible as professed in our standards is to form an essential element in the course of education and that the Presbytery has already raised \$2000 towards the founding of it. Resolved, that we highly approve of the enterprize as one of very great importance and do hereby recommend it as deserving of the sympathy and liberality of the Churches.

Synod took a recess until three o'clock.

At the close of the recess, Synod met and proceeded to business.

Committee on book of West Jersey reported and the book was approved.

The unfinished business- respecting the resolution regarding the institute at Yonning was resumed.

The resolution was proposed.

On motion the Report of the Committee respecting the supply of the State with the Bibles was taken up.

The report was amended- adopted and is as follows.

(C)

On motion Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod
be

Janitor's bill ordered to be paid - \$5.00.

The Stated Clerk and Dr. Murray to publish ex-
tracts in the New York Observer and Presbyterian.

Synod adjourned to meet at ten three p.m.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Benediction.

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A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1846

No. 1 The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report at the present meeting "whether any, and if any, what alteration can be made in the plan of conducting the annual meetings of the Synod, and securing more leisure for the transaction of our business in a manner more likely to result in comfort to ourselves and edification to the church," respectfully report, that having maturely considered the question referred to them, they are not able to suggest any plan by which the objects of the meetings of the Synod can be better attained, than by a faithful adherence to our existing rules and customs and beg to be discharged. The report was adopted, and the committee was discharged.

No. 2 The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1 viz: a paper from the Presbytery of Newton, asking the Synod to answer the question, whether an individual who refused to abandon the habitual use of intoxicating drinks, and to sit a consistent example in this behalf, can give such evidence of consistent piety as will warrant a church session in admitting him to the communion of the church--and secondly whether it is expedient for church members to unite with such secret societies or associations as are existing among us?

To the first question the committee recommend that the following answer be returned, viz: While Synod strongly recommend the entire disuse of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, they recommend that the question be left to the decisions of the respective sessions to whom it properly belongs.

To the second question, the committee recommend the following answer by the Synod, viz: While the Synod express their belief that the gospel fully meets the objects of these societies, so far as they are moral and benevolent, they consider such societies and associations as unnecessary, and recommend that the members of our churches abstain from connecting themselves with such societies.

A minority of the committee of Bills and Overtures beg leave to dissent from the report of the majority of the committee in reference to the overture from the Presbytery of Newton, on the subject of voluntary secret societies, professedly moral and benevolent, and recommend that Synod take no action on the subject.

G. P. Hunt.

The report of the committee, with reference to the first question was adopted.

The report of the committee, with reference to the second question, was laid on the table.

No. 3 The committee to whom were referred the minutes of the last General Assembly, beg leave to report, that the only articles found on the minutes of the assembly which they consider as demanding the notice of the Synod, are the two following, viz: First The proceedings of the assembly in reference to the Board of Education, which appear on the printed minutes, page 205. They relate to the following points, to wit:

1. That for the sake of guarding against an indolent imbecile or unacceptable ministry, the Presbyteries, and all our pastors be enjoined, in their selection of candidates to have a special and increasing regard, not only to their piety and talent, but also to their natural disposition and habits, their promise of aptness to teach, etc, and

2. The assembly recommends that in order more systematically to remind our churches of their responsibility in regard to the Education cause, the first Sabbath of December next be set apart for the offering of special prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest; and that it be recommended to every minister to preach at that time on some topic connected with the importance of the Education cause and the obligations of the church to train up a pious and educated ministry.

The Synod would earnestly recommend to all the Presbyteries and ministers connected with this body, to pay due regard to these recommendations, and especially to that which designates a day for special prayer that God would pour out his spirit on all our churches and excite them with renewed and increasing zeal to recognize and discharge their obligations in reference to sustaining the Education cause. The Synod would humbly hope that, if our churches can be united in solemn appeals to the Lord of the harvest, we may hope for that aid from above, which is so indispensable to our relief in the circumstances of acknowledged delinquency and need in which we are placed. The Synod would further earnestly request that the congregations which have not, during the year, taken up collections for the Board of Education, do so on that day, or at their earliest opportunity.

Secondly The assembly in disposing of the report of a committee on the boundary line between the Synods of New Jersey and Philadelphia, as found in pages 201 and 216, recommended to the reference of that subject to the consideration of the Synods respectively. The committee, not being in possession of the plans or papers which relate to this subject, can only recommend to the Synod to take up and dispose of the proposal referred to its consideration.

No. 4 The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2 a paper from the Presbytery of West Jersey, recommending that Synod present to the General Assembly an overture for the establishment, either in connection with the Board of Education or otherwise of a Board of Parochial Schools, which may attend to this matter---In reference to which, the committee recommend the adoption of the following, viz:

While the Synod deem the establishment of Parochial schools of the greatest importance, they are not prepared at present to send up an overture to the assembly on the subject.

RELATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1846

At not a few of the former meetings of this Synod it was our delightful privilege to recount to each other God's doings in our several churches in the way of converting sinners to himself. Those were pleasant and profitable intercommunications. Not only were our hearts thus made glad, but in the success with which our labors were crowned, there was furnished a stimulus to increased zeal and diligence in the work of rearing up the temple of the Lord.

It is not so with us now. From five of our Presbyteries we learn that their churches, with very few exceptions, and those in a small degree, have enjoyed no special divine influence during the past year—that whilst in the case of the regenerate, the Lord has doubtless kept them from apostacy, and carried on his work in their hearts, yet from the ranks of the impenitent, few have been brought over to the standard of the Redeemer. We know indeed from the Presbyterian reports that our people are for the most part supplied with the means of grace—that meetings for public worship are well attended, and that the churches enjoy a considerable measure of external prosperity—and such statements encourage us to hope that the day's of revivals may yet return, and the Lord again open the hearts of many to receive his word. At the same time however we cannot conceal from ourselves the truth, so vividly recorded in the History of the church, that the forms and institutions of religion may be well sustained whilst the great end to be secured by them is not accomplished. And we feel constrained to remind our brethren that the greatest degree of outward prosperity may exist in connection with the utmost spiritual poverty and desolation—that the glory of a particular church consists not in the beauty of its house of worship, or the multitude of those who go

up thither to keep the holy day, or the learning and eloquence of its pastor or any external means or appliances whatever, but in the presence of the Holy Ghost, in his converting and sanctifying influences.

In one of our Presbyteries that of Baritan these influences have been experienced during the past year, and in a very remarkable degree—and the Synod are enabled to rejoice that amidst the spiritual drought which has so generally prevailed amongst us, this portion of our territory has been favoured with copious showers of heavenly grace. In the United Congregations of Lambertville and Solebury, One Hundred and Sixteen persons have been received into the communion of the church, the fruits, as we trust, of the outpouring of the spirit. In the United First and Second churches of Jewell, One Hundred and Seven have been gathered in—in the church of Greenville Forty-five, and in the neighboring church of Pennington, belonging to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Fifty-seven. All these Congregations are in the same region which has thus been watered by the river of God. The Congregations of Clinton, Milford, and Flemington in the Presbytery of Baritan are reported as having shared to some extent in the divine blessing. To that Presbytery the past year has been a season of great Ingatherings calling for their most devout thanksgiving to Him who has thus imparted efficiency to the labors of their ministers, whilst to the residue of our ministers, and churches it should serve as a manifest token and proof that the Lord's hand is not shortened that he cannot save, nor his ear heavy, that he cannot hear, and it should lead them to enquire whether it may not be that their Iniquities have separated between them and their God, and their sins caused him to hide his face from them.

Intimately connected with the spiritual welfare of the church, is the Temperance cause. This appears to be on the decline within the bounds of most of our Presbyteries, and painful apprehensions are excited that the evils of former days may return upon us. From the Presbytery of Luzerne however, we

gratified with a statement of an opposite character. They report that amongst them "the area of intemperance has been circumscribed to such a degree, that not more than one family suffers now, where formerly there were six or seven." The Synod believe that that cause demands an increase of attention from the friends of religion and humanity.

The various enterprises of Christian benevolence have doubtless continued to receive the support of most of our churches, although on this subject few of the reports give us any information. We cannot too earnestly press the obligations resting upon us, and upon all who believe the gospel to do all in their power, towards the dissemination of its life giving truths. The church is essentially a missionary body, nor can it answer the design of its institution or secure the blessings of its great Head if it be remiss in this work.

The friends of the Sabbath appear to be making renewed efforts to rescue that holy day from desecration, and not without a measure of success. On four of the railroads and Canals in Pennsylvania, within the bounds of this Synod, the day is now respected, and hopes are entertained that those companies in New Jersey which have not already adopted that course will soon be convinced that their own temporal as well as spiritual interests require them to follow this example.

In concluding this narrative, we would urge our ministers to renewed diligence in the important work to which they have professedly consecrated themselves. We would exhort the eldership to consider seriously the nature and duties of their office, and to bear up the hands of their pastors and we would entreat the prayers and active co-operation of all God's people that thus that cause for which the Redeemer shed his blood may triumph on our earth.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1846

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Congregations and 4 Licentiates.

The Presbytery moreover report to the Synod that on the 25th of November 1845, they licensed Mr. David Irving a candidate under their care to preach the gospel. That on the 4th of January 1846, they received Mr. Alexander E. Thompson a licentiate from the 2nd Presbytery of New York, under their care and on the same day ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the 1st church, Morristown—that on the 15th of January they dismissed Mr. David Irving a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of the Western District, Tennessee—that on the 8th of April, they dismissed Mr. Charles Beach a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Louisiana—that on the 10th of April, they dismissed Mr. Cornelius H. Edgar a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island—that on the 22d of April, they received the Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth Port under their care and its pastor, the Rev. Oliver St. John into their number—that on the 14th of July, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Thomas Cochran, to the church of New Providence, and on the same day, ordained Mr. William W. Scudder, to the work of the gospel ministry with a view to his going on a foreign mission that on the 5th of July, the Rev. Jacob Bryant departed this life—that on the 1st of August, they dismissed Mr. Ephraim S. High, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Peoria—and that on the 7th of October, they licensed Messrs. Henry V. Rankin, William P. Johnson, and Ludlum D. Potter to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES W. HUNTING, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 36 Ministers, and have under their care 24 Congregations, 14 Licentiates and 12 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22nd of October 1845, they dismissed Mr. Samuel Miller, Jr., a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Jersey-that on the 25th of October, they dismissed Mr. Daniel R. Johnson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville-that on the 11th of November, they received the 2nd Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick from the Presbytery of Newark, and on the same day, ordained Mr. John C. Bush to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist-that on the 20th of November, the Rev. Albert B. Dod, D. D. departed this life-that on the 9th of December they ordained Mr. Morse Rowell to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Manchester-that on the 19th of December they dismissed Mr. Thomas H. Clelland, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi-that on the 2nd of January, 1846 they dismissed Mr. Chauncey P. Taylor, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Columbus-that on the 2nd of February, they dismissed the Rev. Jonathon Huntington to join the Presbytery of Nashville-and on the same day licensed Mr. Henry W. Green to preach the gospel-that on the 22nd of April, they dismissed Mr. Samuel K. Hughes a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Louisville-that on the 26th of April, they received under their care the Colored Presbyterian Church of Princeton, which they had recently organized, and on the same day, dismissed Mr. James J. Giles, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Albany-and licensed James M. Lorence to preach the gospel-that on the 29th of April they licensed Beverly T. Lacy, Charles W. Forman, Jeremiah Taylor, and Cyrus Huntington to preach the gospel, and that on the 6th of October, they licensed A. Alexander Wodge, to preach the gospel-and on the 7th of October they received the Rev. D. R. Thomason from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BY ORDER OF PRESBYTERY.

ELI F. COOLY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 26 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Congregations, 1 Licentiate and 7 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of November 1845, they ordained Mr. John A. Kelley to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the churches of Knowlton and Blairstown-that on the 19th of November, they ordained Mr. Charles Milne to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him Pastor of the church of Danville-that on the 23rd of December, they suspended the Rev. Thomas Mack from the exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry, and from the communion of the church-that on the 29th of April 1846, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Robert G. Vermilye, and the church of German Valley-and on the same day dismissed Mr. Vermilye to join the Oneida Congregational Association, and the Rev. John M. Lowrie to join the Presbytery of Steubenville-that on the 5th of August they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles Milne and the church of Danville-that on the same day they received under their care Mr. James F. Mason Knox, a licentiate from the classis of New York, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church-that on the 1st of September, they dismissed Mr. John Farouhar, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Donegal-and that on the 2nd of September they ordained Mr. James W. Mason Knox to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of German Valley.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES MC MILLIN, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 12 Congregations, 1 Licentiate, and 10 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of April 1846, they received the Rev. Jehiel Talmage, from the Presbytery of New Lisbon, and on the 7th of October, licensed Mr. George W. Burroughs to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER C. STURDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 14th of February 1846, they received the Rev. Moses Ingalls from the Presbytery of Steuben--that Rev. John G. Lows from the Presbytery of Tioga--and the Rev. Silas W. Hazard from the Presbytery of Mississippi--and that on the 26th of August, they dismissed the Rev. Silas W. Hazard to join the Presbytery of Logansport.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Congregations and 9 Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 20th of June 1846, they organized a church in the city of Camden--that on the 22nd of October 1845, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Benjamin T. Phillips, and the church of May's Landing and on the 17th of December they dismissed Mr. Phillips to join the Presbytery of New York--that on the 22nd of October, they received under their care Mr. Samuel Miller Jr. a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 17th of December, ordained Mr. Miller to the work

of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist, to labor at Mount Holly and its vicinity--that on the 21st of April 1846, they received the Rev. William Chester D. D. from the Presbytery of Columbia--that on the 25th of April they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Shepard K. Hollock and the church of Burlington--that on the 16th of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Charles M. Oakley and the church of Millville and on the same day dismissed Mr. Oakley to join the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
SAMUEL BEACH JONES, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Congregations and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 17th of November, 1845, they received the Rev. Alexander Verberton from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the 25th of November installed him Pastor of the church of Berwick--that on the 17th of February 1846, they received Mr. Darwin Cook, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Newton--under their care--and on the same day ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist--that on the same day, they received under their care, the Church of Tunkhannock, transferred, by the Synod at its last meeting, from the Presbytery of Susquehanna to this Presbytery--that on the 30th of April they received Mr. Nathan G. Parke, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Donegal, under their care, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Charles E. Evans to the church of Northumberland--that on the 7th of July they received under their care, the church of Tamaqua, recently organized by a committee of Presbytery, and on the same day ordained Mr. Nathan G. Parke to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist--that on the 25th of July, they dismissed the Rev. Charles E. Evans to join the

the Presbytery of Hudson—that on the 20th of October, they received the Rev. W. Wilson Bunnell from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day dismissed Mr. John T. Sterling, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery.

RICHARD W. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

